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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 18, 2019 – FEBRUARY 24, 2019

On Monday, February 18, Demetrice Lee Jones (30) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Jones was on probation for Sale of Cocaine (x3) and Sale of Marijuana. Jones was already incarcerated for unrelated drug charges.

On Monday, February 18, Deputy C. Harvey executed two arrest warrants at the Gulf County Detention Facility on Paul Gregory Francis (72) and David John Dicho (54). Both men, who were already incarcerated for unrelated crimes, were charged with Burglary of an Occupied Structure During a State of Emergency. The charges against Francis and Dicho was the result of a Port St. Joe Police investigation.

On Monday, February 18, Deputy C. Harvey served an arrest warrant on Ryan James Caswell (38) at the Gulf County Detention Facility for Violation of Probation on the original charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance. Caswell was already incarcerated for unrelated narcotics violations.

On Monday, February 18, Deputy M. Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell located Ryan Matthew McDonald (26) traveling in a vehicle on Hwy 71 near Woodmere Drive. McDonald was wanted for two counts of Criminal Mischief and Battery by Strangulation. The charges against McDonald stem from two recent incidents involving domestic violence on February 1, 2019 and February 5, 2019. Deputies conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle to take McDonald into custody. When the vehicle stopped, McDonald exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Inv. Ferrell chased McDonald and was able to apprehend him following a brief foot pursuit. During a search of McDonald following the arrest, deputies found a syringe with a methamphetamine in his pocket. Along with the warrants, McDonald was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence. McDonald is currently being held at the Gulf County Detention Facility without bond.

On Monday, February 18, Deputy M. Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle around the intersection of 2nd Street and Lake Grove Road in Wewahitchka. The vehicle failed to stop and the driver attempted to hit one of the deputies involved in the pursuit. The driver of the vehicle, who was later identified as Stephen Lee Stanley (25), led deputies on a pursuit that went to Dalkeith and ended in Calhoun County when Deputy Peek ended the pursuit with a vehicle maneuver called a PIT (Pursuit Intervention Technique). Stanley was taken into custody and charged with the following: Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding with Property Damage, Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer (3 counts), Aggravated Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer (2 counts) and Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence. Stanley was charged with narcotics violation in Calhoun County after methamphetamine was found inside his vehicle. Stanley was also issued nine traffic citations for violations committed during the pursuit.

On Tuesday, February 19, Deputy C. Harvey responded to the 600 block of Borders Road to investigate a report of a domestic battery that occurred the night before. Deputy Harvey located and identified a female victim, who reported that she had been beaten by her live-in boyfriend, Dustin Jay Goodwin (26). Deputy Harvey observed injuries to the victim, which she claims was caused by Goodwin. During the incident between Goodwin and the victim, Goodwin took the victim's phone and broke it in half so she could not call for help. The incident was only able to be reported by a third party who flagged down Deputy Harvey while he was on patrol in the area. Goodwin, who acknowledges a physical altercation occurred, denied being the aggressor. Goodwin was placed under arrest and charged with Domestic Battery and Tampering with a Victim.

On Tuesday, February 19, Deputy M. Manley conducted a traffic stop on a motorcycle on Cape San Blas Road near the entrance to the State Park. The vehicle was stopped for traveling 70 mph in a 45 mph speed zone. Deputy Manley identified the driver as George Maurice Moore (50), from Columbus Georgia. While conducting a driver's license check, Deputy Manley learned that Moore did not have a valid driver's license. Moore was placed under arrest and charged with Driving with No Valid Driver's License.

On Wednesday, February 20, Charles Edward Beachum (68) was arrested and booked at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a warrant for Sale of Crack Cocaine within 1000 feet of a Church. Beachum was transported to Gulf County from Pinellas County, Florida, by an inmate transport service.

On Wednesday, February 20, The Gulf County Sheriff's Office received a tip that a wanted sex offender from Crawford County, Georgia, was residing in Gulf County on Henry Avenue in Wewahitchka. Michael Dewayne Ferrell (40) had warrants for his arrest in Georgia for sex registration violations. The warrants were verified and Deputy P. Young and Sgt. D. Sanders went to Henry Avenue and located Ferrell. Ferrell was arrested without incident. Ferrell has been residing in Gulf County and failed to register his address here so he was charged with Failing to Register as a Sex Offender. Ferrell was booked at the Gulf County Detention Facility where he received a \$50,000 bond. Crawford County

Sheriff's Office plans to extradite Ferrell if he posts bond or when his local charges are closed.

On Wednesday, February 20, Deputy G. Desrosier and Deputy P. Young responded to a report of a verbal dispute on Carol Street in Wewahitchka. While deputies were investigating the disturbance, they learned that one of the parties involved, Anthony Lee Turner (34), was wanted in Calhoun on a Writ of Bodily Attachment for failing to pay child support. Turner was taken into custody and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Thursday, February 21, Deputy S. Sheline was dispatched to the Family Dollar in Wewahitchka in reference to a retail theft. It was reported that two white females, one wearing blue jeans and a pink jacket and the other wearing a coral jacket and shorts, went into the Family Dollar and stole some make-up items. Deputy Sheline reviewed the store's video surveillance footage and charges will be filed if the two females are successfully identified.

On Friday, February 22, Tami Michelle Lauderback (52) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility after being delivered from Chilton County, Alabama, via a prisoner transport service. Lauderback had a Gulf County warrant for failing to appear in court for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Violation of Probation.

On Friday, February 22, Nathan Daniel Jones (33) from Franklin County, Florida, was delivered to the Gulf County Detention Facility by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to be booked on charges of Grand Theft Auto and Burglary of an Unoccupied Dwelling. The charges against Jones stemmed from an incident reported to the Gulf County Sheriff's Office on January 13, 2019. Jones and a co-defendant stole a vehicle on Americus Avenue and used it to facilitate a burglary on Victoria Avenue.

On Friday, February 22, Deputy M. Manley was dispatched to the Wewahitchka RV Park, located at 2481 Hwy 71 N, in reference to a physical disturbance. When Deputy Manley arrived, all parties involved were already separated. The disturbance occurred between two white females, both from Lexington, South Carolina, who were related and residing together in a camper with two other females. Deputy Manley was able to identify Shonda Goins Little-Campbell (48) as the aggressor and placed her under arrest. Goins was charged with Domestic Battery.

On Saturday, February 23, Deputy C. Harvey executed an arrest warrant on Patrick Street by arresting George Walton Simmons III (36) for Grand Theft. The charge against Simmons resulted from an investigation by Deputy V. Everett where Simmons was responsible for stealing an outside air conditioning unit from a house he was being evicted from.

On Sunday, February 24, Deputy J. Page responded to a report of a disturbance on Dogwood Avenue in Wewahitchka. Deputy Page learned that a physical altercation had occurred between a male and a pregnant female who were living together. Arthur Ernest Lanier (25) was identified as one of the parties involved and was believed to be the

aggressor. Lanier was placed under arrest and charged with Aggravated Battery on a Pregnant Person.

On Sunday, February 25, Deputy C. Harvey observed a vehicle being operated by Cassa McKenzie Gardner (33). Deputy Harvey knew, from previous dealings with Garner, that McKenzie was a habitual traffic offender with a suspended driver's license. The registration plate on the vehicle was registered to a vehicle other than the one it was on. Deputy Harvey conducted a traffic on the vehicle on Lake Alice Park Drive. When the vehicle stopped, a passenger exited the front passenger side. While doing so, McKenzie climbed into the passenger seat to try and conceal the fact that she was driving. The passenger, who was identified as Michael Walter Arena (28), was the owner of the tag and admitted to putting it on the vehicle illegally. Arena was placed under arrest and charged with Attaching Tag not Assigned. McKenzie was placed under arrest and charged with a felony count of Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Both subjects were also issued citations for having open alcoholic beverages inside the vehicle.

If you have any information regarding the aforementioned cases, please contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office at 850-227-1115, 850-639-5717, or remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 850-785-TIPS.

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